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((TEXT)) MOSCOW, 15 SEP (TASS)--OBSERVER VALERIY VAVILOV WRITES:

TWO EVENTS FOLLOW EACH OTHER CLOSELY: IN GENEVA, THE LATEST

- <> ROUND OF <><>AFGHAN-PAKISTANI<><> TALKS ON A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE
- <> SITUATION AROUND <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> HAS FINISHED. IT WAS A DIFFICULT,
- <> VERY COMPLEX ROUND, AND YET BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE CONCESSIONS
- <> ((PETRZILKOVA)); THEY HAVE BROUGHT THEIR POSITIONS CLOSER. SOME
- <> HALF-WAY MOVEMENT ALSO HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE QUESTION OF THE
- <> RETURN OF <><>SOVIET<><> TROOPS FROM <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>.

- DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES, LIGHT COULD BE SEEN AT THE END OF THE
- TUNNEL. A REAL PROSPECT HAS APPEARED FOR FINALLY REACHING AN
- AGREEMENT ON A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, THE HAND OF THE
- OPONENTS OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT HAS EMERGED HERE: THE DAY
- AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA TALKS YET ANOTHER CRIME WAS
- <> COMMITTED IN THE SKIES OVER <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>: U.S. "STINGERS" SHOT DOWN
- <> AN <><>AFGHAN<><> TRANSPORT PLANE, KILLING 15 PASSENGERS AND CREWMEMBERS,

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INCLUDING TWO WOMEN.

THE "STINGERS" WERE NOT AIMED ONLY AT THE PLANE. OBVIOUSLY THE MISSILES WERE TARGETED AGAINST THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUSHMANS AND THEIR OPPONENTS ON A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, AND PRIMARILY WASHINGTON WANTED TO HOLD UP THIS PROCESS AND TO UNDERMINE THE POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. WASHINGTON IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE PROSPECT OF AN END TO THE BLOODSHED; THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND ITS ALLIES DO NOT WANT THE LIQUIDATION OF THE DANGEROUS SEAT OF TERROR IN THIS REGION OF ASIA, SO NEAR TO THE SOUTHERN BORDERS OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE WORDS OF HIGH RANKING U.S. OFFICIALS ABOUT STRIVING FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND CALM IN AFGHANISTAN HAVE BECOME, AS DEEDS, AN INSULT TO THE DUSHMANS' REVOLUTIONARY FORMATIONS WHO SUPPLIED THEM WITH WEAPONS FOR THEIR CRIMES. THE "STINGERS" AND "WRITTEN" BLOODPIES, WHICH WERE PLACED IN WASHINGTON AND ITS ALLIES INTO THE HANDS OF MERCENARY KILLERS WHOSE CRIMES ARE PAID FOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OCEAN. ONE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THESE WEAPONS COULD HANDER OFF FROM THE DUSHMANS' BASES TO OTHER COUNTRIES, AND NOT JUST THOSE IN THE ASIAN REGION, THUS SUBJECTING THE POPULATIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES TO THE THREAT OF TERRORIST ACTIONS. WASHINGTON PREFERS NOT TO DISCUSS THIS DANGER.

FIFTEEN AFGHANS HAVE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF ANOTHER OUTRAGE IN THE AFGHAN SKIES. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEATHS LIES NOT ONLY WITH THE DUSHMANS, BUT ALSO WITH THEIR SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE OCEAN, WHO HAVE SUPPLIED THEM WITH MISSILES AND TRAINED THEM AT BASES IN PAKISTAN AND IRAN. IS IT NOT TIME TO THINK AGAIN? THE AFGHAN PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE MANY-YEAR-LONG, FRATRICIDAL BLOODSHED. THEY LONG FOR PEACE. CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SOLVED NOT BY MISSILES, BUT AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

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